

Co-operatives Victoria

Minute of Board Meeting held 10:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. 20 February 2013

Southeast Housing Co-operative Ltd. Plaza Business Centre, the Hub, Level 3. 26 – 36 McCrae St, Dandong VIC 3175

Present: Tony O'Shea (Chairman), Bill Bodman, David Dinning, Shirley Faram and David Griffiths (Secretary)

Apology: Linda Seaborn and George Leyland-Greaves

1. Minute of previous meeting

That the minute of the previous meeting of 10 December 2012 be approved as a true and accurate record. CARRIED

2. Department of Primary Industry and National Peak Body

2.1 Department of Primary Industry

The Secretary reported that the development of the project was still being delayed because the First Edition of the Co-op Start-Up Manual had not been released by the Mid North Coast RDA and that the RDA was still in discussions with Fair Trading NSW about the First Edition.

He said that CV needed a draft copy of the work completed to date to fulfil its commitment to DPI.

He reported that the required end of month reports were being submitted to DPI.

It was agreed that that Richard O'Leary, CFNSW, would be asked if he could facilitate a response from the RDA.

ACTION: Secretary

2.2 National Peak Body

The letters to and from Mr. Greg Wall were noted.

It was noted that there was no news about the proposed peak body document that Mr. Greg Wall had said would be available and circulated in March 2013.

It was noted that the Chairman was meeting with Richard O'Leary, CFNSW, on the morning of 7 March 2013 to discuss a proposed new national peak body for co-operatives. It was noted that the Secretary and possibly David Dinning would attend the meeting.

ACTION: Chairman

It was noted that the challenge for 2013 was the establishment of a new national peak body for co-operatives.

It was noted that Co-operatives Victoria could financially contribute between \$5,000 – 10,000 towards the development of a new national peak body for co-operatives provided there were complementary contributions and this would have to be strategically targeted for measures to achieve specific outcomes.

ACTION: Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

The document prepared by the Secretary was noted – A Co-operative Decade in Australia.

3. Co-operative Education

The report from the Secretary was noted and it was agreed to defer for consideration at a future meeting.

ACTION: David Griffiths

4. Towards 2022 Workshop

The Secretary reported that consideration of a proposed Towards 2022 Workshop would continue and that a Working Party would be formed to develop the proposal.

ACTION: Secretary

5. Financial Report

The Treasurer tabled the financial reports:

Profit/Loss 1 July 2011 – 19 February 2013

Balance Sheet 19 February 2013

That the financial reports be accepted. CARRIED

David Dinning reported that he and George Leyland-Greaves had spoken once on the telephone on appropriate annual subscription rates for financial institutions, that it would probably be based on assets rather than turnover and that a proposal would be circulated before the next board meeting.

ACTION: David Dinning and George Leyland-Greaves

6. Web Sites

It was noted that the Secretary has uploaded to the australia.coop and education.victoria.coop web sites unique and rare Australian historical co-operative documents that were otherwise unavailable including hard copies deposited at libraries.

7. Future Meeting Location

It was agreed that future meetings would continue to be held at the Southeast Housing Co-operative Ltd subject to availability.

Next CV board meeting:

10:00 a.m. 23 April 2013
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